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GOV. EASLEY TO DEDICATE LIFE-SIZE WRIGHT BROTHERS SCULPTURE

KITTY HAWK – Gov. Mike Easley will dedicate a life-size sculpture depicting the Wright Brothers' first flight at the First Flight Centennial Celebration at <u>4:00 p.m. today (Dec. 16) at the Wright Brothers</u>

<u>National Monument in Kitty Hawk.</u>

The 10,000-pound bronze and stainless steel sculpture was created by artist Stephen Smith, a Marshville native. The sculpture features the Wright flyer, with Orville Wright in the pilot's seat, Wilbur Wright running alongside the plane and John Daniels, an Outer Banks native, photographing the historic moment.

For information and directions contact the First Flight Centennial media office at 252/480-1449.

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